

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : JAMES M. RHODES, ET AL. Confirmation No.: 5756
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IMPLEMENT
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Examiner : Jeffrey Gerben Hoekstra

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR**

Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated 06/27/2007 for one (1) month(s) from 07/27/2007 to 08/27/2007. A Response and Amendment responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

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